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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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SUBJ: CAMEROON, SENEGAL AND REGIONAL GROUPINGS

REF: (A) DAKAR 4973,(B) DAKAR IR 6 886 0070 77, AND PREVIOUS

1. I SPOKE TO SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR FALL ABOUT THE JULY 12 VISIT OF SENEGALESE MINISTER OF FINANCE BABACAR BA (REFTEL), WHO PREVIOUSLY VISITED ZAIR AND LIBREVILLE. FALL CONFIRMED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO ENCOURAGE CAMEROON TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ECOWAS. FALL, WHO IS A TRAINED ECONOMIST, SAID SENEGAL WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE ALL WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES UP TO AND INCLUDING RWANDA TO JOIN ECOWAS AS A COUNTERPOISE TO THE DOMINANT POSITION OF NIGERIS. FALL COMMENTED THAT FOR SAME REASON CAMEROON HAS INDICATED THAT IS DOES NOT WISH TO JOIN AND WISHES TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN RELATIVE DOMINANT POSITION IN UDEAC.

2. I ASKED IF THE SUBJECT OF THE WEST AFRICAN NON-AGRESSION/  
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DEFENSE PACT WAS RAISED AND FALL RESPONDED IN THE NEGATIVE. HE INDICATED THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT CAMEROON WOULD NOT BE ASKED TO JOIN BECAUSE "...IT IS NOT A FRANCOPHONE COUNTRY." HE SAID THAT THE BILINGUAL NATURE OF THE COUNTRY PRECLUDED CAMEROONIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE PACT.

3. I ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF CAMEROONIAN MEMBERSHIP IN

THE WEST AFRICAN NON-AGRESSION/DEFENSE PACT WITH JACQUES  
NEGRE, FIRST COUNSELOR OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY. NEGRE SAID THAT  
HE VERY MUCH DOUBTED THAT CAMEROON WOULD JOIN AS IT DOES NOT  
LOOK UPON ITSELF AS FRANCOPHONE STATE BASED ON FACT IT FIRST A  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE AND LATER A TRUST TERRITORY.

4. COMMENT: AS A GENERAL POLICY, CAMEROON DOES NOT JOIN  
ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE BASED ON ITS PAST "COLONIAL" CONNEC-  
TIONS OR NARROW INTERESTS. EVEN THOUGH OCAM HEADQUARTERS WAS  
LOCATED IN YAOUNDE, IT DROPPED MEMBERSHIP THAT GROUP AND DOES NOT  
PARTICIPATE IN THE FRANCOPHONE STATES MEETINGS WITH FRANCE  
OR IN COMMONWEALTH ACTIVITIES.  
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